

FARM HOMES OF BRICK

In preparing this book of designs for farm houses we wish to express our appreciation of the co-operation of the Department of Agricultural Engineering of Ohio State University and of Mr. W. P. Miller, of the College of Agriculture of that institution, whose assistance has made this book of much more value to the farmer than it otherwise could have been.

HE charming designs that follow illustrate ten modern beautiful farm homes constructed of brick. Brick farm homes, brick barns, brick milk houses and other such structures possess the same advantages as do brick homes and other buildings constructed in and about larger communities. Brick buildings are primarily permanent buildings. When once erected the brick walls require no further attention. They will stand for generations and improve in appearance as the years go by. Figuring upkeep expenses for a few years the cost of brick buildings is no more than the cost of structures of a more temporary character. Home owners the country over are beginning to realize the truth of this, and the percentage of brick homes is increasing by leaps and bounds year by year.

There is even more reason for the farmer to build his home of brick than for the city dweller. The farmer is usually located at some distance from any fire apparatus that he can call upon to help him. He must fight fires with such incomplete equipment as he happens to have on the farm, and on many occasions a group of farm buildings has been burned down when the flames might have been confined to the building in which they started if the farmer had wisely constructed his house and farm buildings of brick.

Common brick is bound up with the history of the country. The original 13 states are dotted with historic struc-

tures of all types, built of common brick, and standing as sturdily as the day they were erected. Harvard University, Yale University, Independence Hall and many other prominent buildings come to mind as being constructed of this wonderful material that is available a short haul from almost every farm in the United States.

Common brick is one of the most beautiful materials that can be used in the erection of a home. A wall built of it presents a rich, harmonious effect, produced by the subtle variety of shades arising from the uncertain action of the fire in the kiln, and minute differences in the chemical composition of the clay.

A brick house possesses the great advantage of being warm in winter and cool in summer. It is difficult for heat to penetrate its mass, and it thus assures the thriftiest use of fuel in winter. Hundreds of thousands of families in the United States are living in warm, dry, comfortable and remarkably good-looking homes constructed of common brick.

Although used for the palatial homes of the rich, brick is essentially a material for the average man also. There are few people who can afford to spend the cost of the rapid depreciation of non-permanent homes. Brick homes not only require less upkeep expense, but should ever the time come when it is desired to sell the farm, the fact that the

buildings upon it are brick will make the whole property bring a much higher price. The day when the brick house cost much more than less enduring types of homes has definitely passed, and the wise farmer now builds his home and outbuildings of permanent construction and it pays him well in satisfaction and in dollars and cents to do so.

Working drawings and specifications for any house in this book and from which the house may be built are supplied at the very nominal price of \$10 for the first set and \$1.00 each for a reasonable number of additional sets. Drawings are 1/4 inch scale.

Sometimes slight changes on plans are desired. You or the contractor can roughly mark them on the blue-prints with colored pencil. We cannot make changes on our plans or undertake special architectural work.

Many variable factors enter into the cost of a farm-house. Much of the work is frequently done by the farmer himself and his hired help. Wages of building mechanics and material prices in country districts vary a great deal. Then, too, there is a great difference in cost between various types of heating apparatus, bathroom fixtures and a hundred and one other items. Therefore we give only the cubic foot contents of the house. The cost per cubic foot may range from 25 cents to 40 cents.

The cost of the brick in a brick home is a small item compared to the total cost of the house. For instance, the Miami design, shown on the next page, requires only 46 thousand brick when built with solid walls. With brick at from \$12 to \$20 per thousand, this would mean that the brick for this entire house—foundation, fireplaces and chimneys included—would cost only \$552 to \$920. To arrive at an estimate on the cost of any of our houses obtain a set of blueprints and have a contractor figure it for you.

			Approximate Quantity and Cost of Brick (Number of Brick in Thousands)			
Design	Page	Cubic Feet	If built with Solid Walls		Local Price of Brick per Thousand	Total Cost of Brick per House
ChetopaF705	18, 19	23,683	441/4	34		, , , , , ,
Cuyahoga F701	6, 7	32,994	521/4	461/2		
Mahoning F703	14, 15	32,613	563/4	421/2		
Miami F700	4, 5	23,521	46	$35\frac{1}{2}$		
OtilaF500	8, 9	21,660	371/4	271/4		
RoanokeF800	20, 21	32,504	571/4	45		
SciotaF702	10, 11	27,747	471/2	$35\frac{1}{2}$		
Tagus F400	12, 13	19,645	42	301/2		
Taos	16, 17	27,210	46	34		
TatumF600	22, 23	32,630	47	$34\frac{1}{2}$		

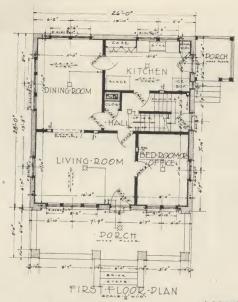


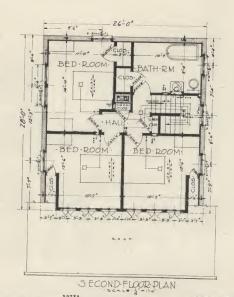
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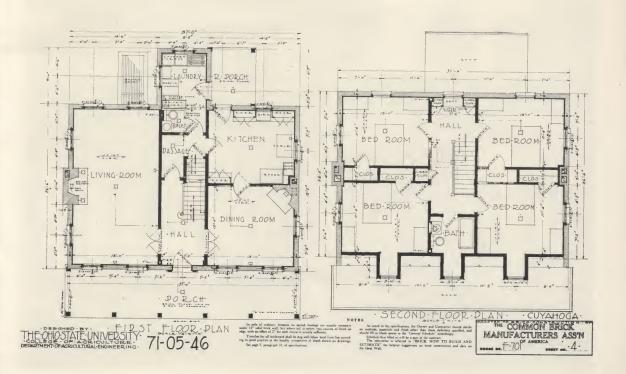
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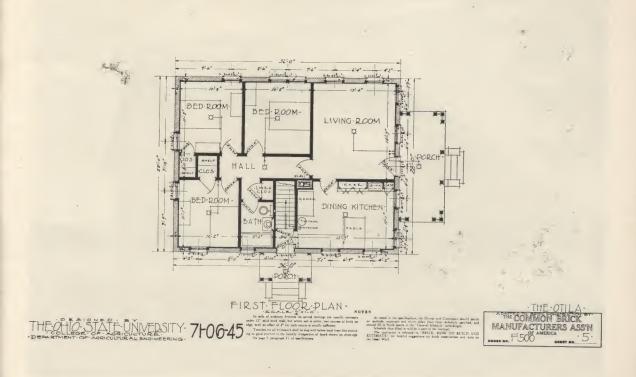


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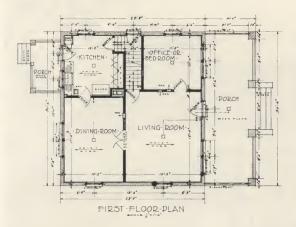


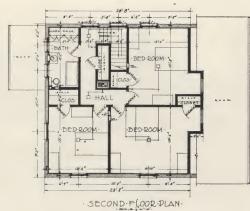
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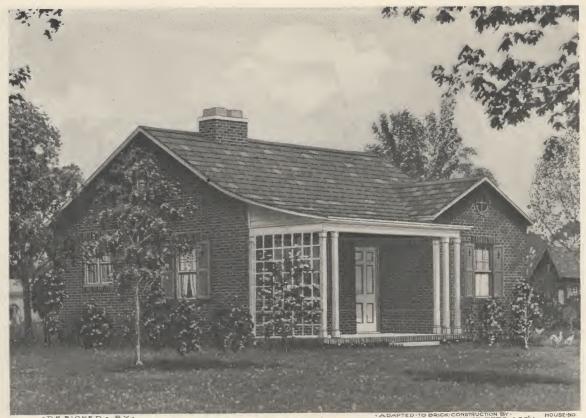
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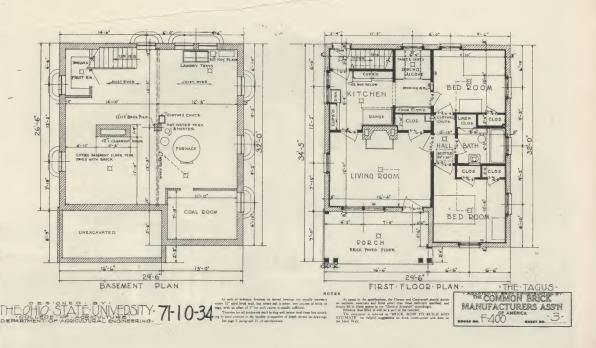
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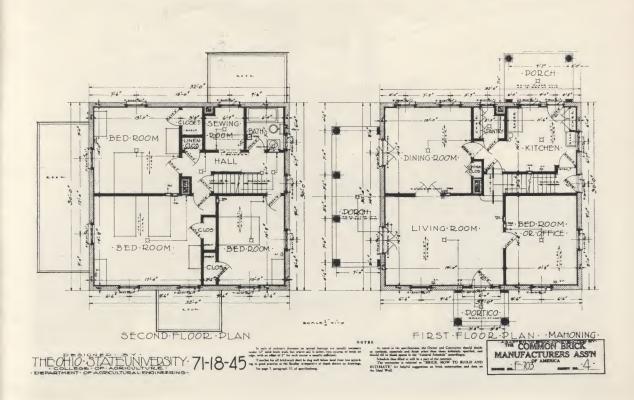


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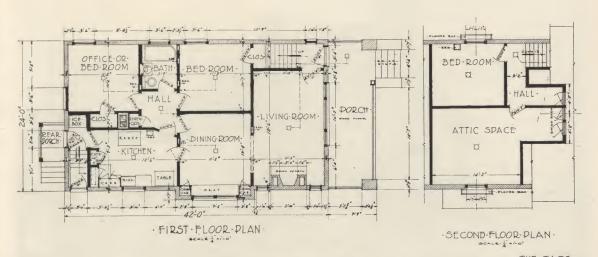




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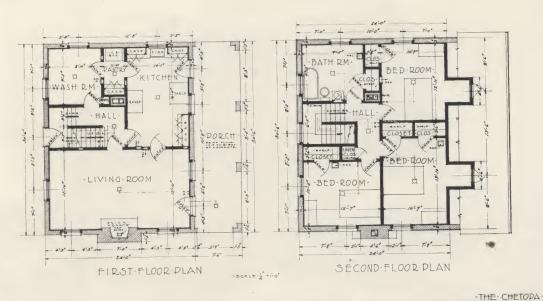
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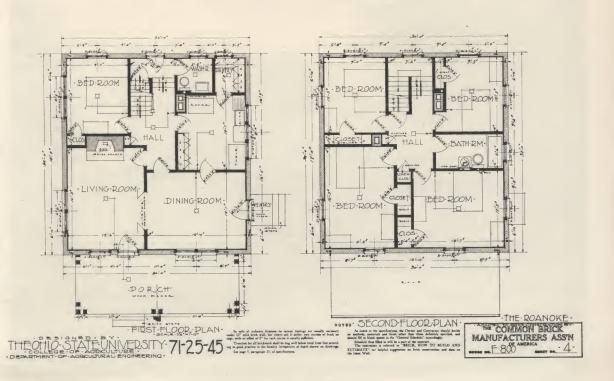
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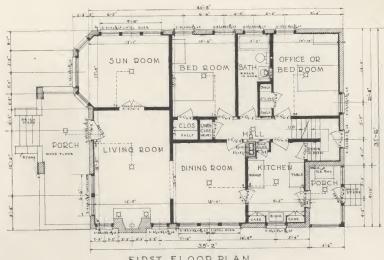




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